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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-9, 11-30 and 32-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 10 and 31 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 30 September 1999 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2 and 4.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 10 and 31 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claims 10 and 31, the limitations "calculating calculated cyclic" is redundant, and should read "calculating cyclic". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7, 11, 13-28, 32 and 34-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Freeman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,861,881).

Referring to claim 1, Freeman discloses receiving a set of audio and video streams (see Column 4, Lines 10-12).

Freeman also discloses presenting selected ones of the set of audio and video streams (see Column 5, Lines 38-40).

Freeman also discloses that responsive to a user input to the data processing system, selectively altering the selected ones of the set of video and audio streams presented for the event (see Column 5, Lines 55-58 and Column 6, Lines 40-44).

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Referring to claim 2, Freeman discloses presenting the video stream on a display (see monitor 16 in Figure 1).

Freeman also discloses altering a location in the display in which the video stream is presented (see Column 15, Lines 64-67 and Column 16, Lines 1-29).

Referring to claim 3, Freeman discloses selecting different selected ones of the set of video streams for presentation (see Column 10, Lines 43-47).

Referring to claim 4, see the rejection of claim 3.

Referring to claim 5, Freeman discloses selecting different selected ones of the set of audio streams for presentation (see Column 14, Lines 10-30).

Referring to claim 6, see the rejection of claim 5.

Referring to claim 7, Freeman discloses receiving a set of information streams including text (see Column 19, Lines 20-24 and 30-32 for a specific example of displaying text to a user viewing and/or playing an interactive program).

Freeman also discloses that responsive to the user input, selectively presenting selected ones of the set of information streams on a display (see Column 19, Lines 42-47 for accessing an interactive program and displaying additional web site text information according to the user's inputs).

Referring to claim 11, Freeman discloses a computer at Column 4, Lines 15-20 and element 6 in Figure 1.

Referring to claim 13, Freeman discloses a television at Column 7, Lines 38-43.

Referring to claim 14, see the rejection of claims 1 and 7.

Referring to claims 15-16, see the rejection of claim 11.

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Referring to claim 17, Freeman discloses that the set of video and audio streams are provided from a first source (see element 38 in Figure 1 and Column 2, Lines 39-60).

Referring to claim 18, Freeman discloses providing a second video stream from a second source (see Column 2, Lines 39-60 and element 42 in Figure 1).

Referring to claim 19, Freeman discloses providing a second audio stream from a second source (see Column 2, Lines 39-46).

Referring to claim 20, Freeman discloses that the set of video, audio and information streams are provided from at least two different sources (see Column 2, Lines 47-60).

Referring to claim 21, Freeman discloses that the set of video, audio and information streams are provided via a broadband network (see Column 5, Lines 45-67 and Figure 5).

Referring to claims 22-28, see the rejection of claims 1-7, respectively.

Referring to claims 32 and 34, see the rejection of claims 11 and 13, respectively.

Referring to claims 35-42, see the rejection of claims 14-21, respectively.

Referring to claims 43-44, see the rejection of claims 1 and 14, respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 12 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freeman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,861,881).

Referring to claim 12, Freeman discloses all of the limitations in claim 1, as well as the data processing system being a computer (see the rejection of claim 11), but fails to teach a personal digital assistant. The examiner takes Official Notice that personal digital assistants are well known to supplement computers for use in displaying multiple video, audio and text streams. At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the computer, as taught by Freeman, using the personal digital assistant, for the purpose of providing the user with a compact device for receiving and viewing the different types of video, audio and data streams.

Referring to claims 33, see the rejection of claim 12.

4. Claims 8-9 and 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freeman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,861,881) in view of Itakura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,493,832).

Referring to claim 8, Freeman discloses all of the limitations in claim 1 and also teaches synchronizing video and audio streams (MPEG-2 streams) by the use of sync add circuits 151 and 152, as well as sync frame circuits 153 and 142 (see Figure 7). Freeman fails to disclose that the streams are synchronized by the use of time stamps. Itakura discloses synchronizing audio and video streams by the use of time stamps (see

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Column 4, Lines 46-49, Column 6, Lines 7-19 and Column 10, Lines 61-67 and Column 11, Lines 1-3).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the synchronization method, as taught by Freeman, using the time stamp synchronization method, as taught by Itakura, for the purpose of removing jitter from an incoming MPEG stream (see Column 6, Lines 5-6 of Itakura).

Claim 9 is analogous to claim 8, because the time stamp is inside a data packet (see Column 4, Lines 64-67 of Itakura).

Referring to claims 29-30, see the rejection of claims 8-9, respectively.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 10 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason P Salce whose telephone number is (703) 305-1824. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8am-6pm (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Faile can be reached on (703) 305-4380. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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